

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2012

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby supports legislation for the 2012 General Assembly session that ends the transferring of state funding shortfalls to localities and the shifting of services traditionally provided by the state to local government. The Board further supports legislation that strengthens localities' ability to fund and deliver local services including:

- ***Restoration of Previous State Budget Cuts and Ending Future Reductions*** in the two areas where the state has served as a partner with local government: public education and public safety.
- ***Ending Unfunded Mandates on Local Government*** by reducing state mandates in proportion to state revenue reductions. Also, shifting the delivery of state services such as transportation, should end. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECONDARY ROADS SHOULD NOT BE SHIFTED TO LOCALITIES.**
- ***Strengthening the Diversity of Local Revenues by Sharing Income Taxes or Other Revenue Sources in Support of Local Services*** by distributing a percentage of individual income tax revenues, providing the authority to levy a local income tax, or allowing other sources to generate revenue locally for locally delivered services.
- ***Strengthening the County's Revenue Base by Enacting Equal Taxing Authority*** by eliminating the distinction in the taxing authority of Virginia's cities and counties.
- ***Recognizing the State's Role in Funding Quality Education*** by fully funding the state Standards of Quality (SOQ), basing teacher pay raises on actual positions, not just SOQ, and state funding for the "cost for competing add-on" for all Virginia School Districts.
- ***Ensuring 100% of Administrative Funds for the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)*** and increasing state matching share for all CSA costs.
- ***Providing State Funding for 100% of the Costs of Optical Scan Voting Machines***
- ***Processing and Marketing of Industrial Hemp*** Montgomery County supports efforts by all levels of government to allow cultivation, processing and marketing of industrial hemp.
- ***Increasing State Aid to Library System*** and ensuring no new cuts in state aid to the library system.